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1. On Soviet orders, the Finow Canal between Oderberg (N 53/V 29) and Liebenwalde (N 53/Z 79) will be made navigable for cargo barges of 750 tons within the shortest possible time. The Shipping Management Office stated that, by this measure, the industrial plants near Eberswalde (N 53/V 08) would be given better access to the waterways. Employees in the Management Office believe, however, that the Soviets are actually trying to improve the supply of their depots near Eberswalde and their military installations near Finow.
2. Work to widen the canal has already started on the Stecher lock, about 2 km northwest of Niederfinow, on the Schoepfurth lock, about 2 km west of Finow, and on the Kupferhammer lock, about 1 km west of Eberswalde. It is also planned to enlarge the bridge near Niederfinow. Dredge LB 12 has been ordered to go from Jannowitzbruecke in Berlin to the Zerpen lock. *
3. Extra-budgetary funds were earmarked for this construction at a conference held in the General Management of Shipping Office on 12 October 1950.

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* Comment: The Stecher lock, kilometer station 84.39, has a usable length of 42.5 meters and a gate width of 5.25 meters. The lock can raise the level of the water 2.95 meters. The Schoepfurth lock, at kilometer station 67.53, has the same dimensions, except that it raises the water 3.63 meters. The Kupferhammer lock, at kilometer station 75.90, raises the water 3.92 meters. The Flnow Canal branches off from the Berlin-Stettin waterway at Zerpen lock. The total length of the canal is 31.87 kilometers. The canal has a total of 11 locks and a fall of 53.71 meters.

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